

TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974**CONSENT TO WITHDRAW SECTION 87B UNDERTAKING**

QUEENSLAND NEWSAGENTS FEDERATION LIMITED (ACN 011 035 457) ("QNF") has requested that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ("the ACCC") consent to the withdrawal of an Undertaking given by it to the ACCC on 1 March 2001 under section 87B of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* ("TPA").

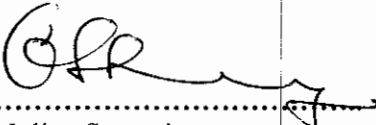
BACKGROUND

1. In or about November 2000, two newsagencies were opened in Townsville, Queensland, in the territory of another QNF newsagency member. QNF wrote to the two newsagency owners advising them that their membership of QNF had been suspended due to a breach of the QNF Code of Ethics, in relation to exclusive territories.
2. In or about December 2001, QNF wrote to members of Nextra Australia Pty Ltd advising them of the purported suspension of the two newsagency owners and representing that the QNF membership of all Nextra newsagents would be reviewed.
3. The ACCC considered the conduct of QNF put them at risk of breaching section 45 of the TPA.
4. On 1 March 2001, the ACCC accepted a section 87B Undertaking in relation to that conduct.
5. On 29 November 2005, QNF requested consent to withdraw the Undertaking on the bases that:
 - (i) there was no sunset clause in the original Undertaking;
 - (ii) it is now more than four years since the Undertaking came into effect; and
 - (iii) in that time, QNF has fulfilled the terms of the Undertaking and has not engaged in conduct contrary to the TPA.
6. On 8 December 2005, the ACCC agreed to consent to a withdrawal of the Undertaking.

CONSENT

The ACCC, pursuant to section 87B(2) of the TPA, HEREBY CONSENTS to the withdrawal of the Undertaking given to it by QNF on 1 March 2001, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) a copy of this Consent will be placed on the ACCC's public register; and
- (ii) the ACCC may, from time to time, publicly refer to the QNF Undertaking and this Consent.


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Graeme Julian Samuel
Chairman

This 14 day of December 2005